

Rumson Historic Preservation Commission
Minutes of the Meeting April 15, 2021
Zoom Meeting

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Chairman Charles Shay.

2. Pledge of Alliance

3. Roll Call

Present: Chairman Charles Shay, Vice Chairman Thomas Clark, Councilwoman Laura Atwell, Councilman Clay Kingsbery, Mr. Ben Day, Mr. Jon Carras, Mrs. Laura Tooker, Mr. Robert Adler and Mr. Ed Pomphrey

Absent: Mr. Jim Fitzmaurice

Chairman Shay declared a quorum present and announced that the notice requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act had been met by posting and mailing of a schedule all regular meetings of the Historic Preservation Commission for 2021 to the Asbury Park Press, the Two Rivers Times and the Rumson Borough Website.

4. Approval of Minutes of March 18, 2021

Motion to approve the minutes of the March 18, 2021 meeting was made by Mr. Day and seconded by Mr. Carras. Chairman Shay to forward to Mr. Day for posting on the Borough Website.

5. Chairman Report

Chairman Shay welcomed new member Mr. Ed Pomphrey to the Commission. Mr. Pomphrey is replacing Mr. Millhiser, who resigned in January 2021.

6. Sub Committees

A. Maintain & Update HPC Website

- Data collection of properties that will turn 100 in the next five years (Mr. Shay, Mr. Day & Mr. Clark) – In Progress
 - There are 12 properties remaining that need to be evaluated based on criteria to be listed on the inventory. Mr. Adler and Mr. Fitzmaurice to review properties to determine eligibility.
 - Councilwoman Atwell will assist with access to properties.
- Add properties turning 100 years old in 2021 (Mr. Shay, Mr. Clark & Mr. Day) - **Completed**

B. Develop Website Enhancements

- Line drawings for glossary photos uploaded to website (Mr. Fitzmaurice & Mr. Day) - **Completed**
- Rumson historic material uploaded to website (Councilwoman Atwell & Mr. Day) – Ongoing

C. Chronicle/Record/Document any “at risk” Historic Properties (Mr. Fitzmaurice & Mrs. Tooker) - Ongoing

D. Recognize those in the Community who foster Historic Preservation

- Special plaque for Bingham Hall (Mr. Clark) – Ongoing
 - Mr. Clark to provide sample for Borough Council review.
 - Councilwoman Atwell will share sample plaque and funding with the Borough Administrator and Borough Council at next scheduled Council Workshop.
 - Plaque text to be finalized once funding is approved.
 - Placement of plaque on Bingham Hall property TBD
- 2021 Award Program (Mr. Clark) - Ongoing
 - Commission will proceed with the 2021 Award Program
 - Borough notified that the 2021 Award Program is in place for this year and new dates for nominations are May 1st through June 30th.
 - Nomination period begins in the month of May, which is Historic Preservation Month.
 - Nomination form has been updated on the Borough website.
 - Content for website, Borough Constant Contact email and electronic message board being developed and will provide to Borough prior to May 1st.
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E. Preserve Rumson’s Historic Character (All)

- Historic Plaque Program to continue with new pricing of \$295.00 per plaque (Councilwoman Atwell & Mr. Carras)
 - Updated application form and new pricing has been uploaded to website.
 - Content for Historic Plaque Program nomination announcement will be forwarded to the Borough for posting on the electronic message board, Borough Constant Contact email and Borough website.

F. Continue Current HPC Activities

- Resource to owners of Historic Homes (Mr. Shay & Mr. Clark) - Ongoing
- Communicate HPC activities with residents (Councilwoman Atwell & Mr. Day) – Ongoing
 - Commission to notify The Rumson Journal when the Schiff Carriage House outside restoration is complete and a visit is scheduled with property owners.

- Communicate with other HPC Groups – (Mr. Shay & Mr. Clark) - Ongoing

7. New Business

- Rumson History Book Volume 3 (Councilwoman Atwell & Mr. Day) – Ongoing
 - Commission continues to reach out to residents and others for contributions to the book sections.
 - Bi-weekly meetings will resume April 28, 2021 with advisory group
- Facebook to share Rumson History (Mrs. Tooker) - Ongoing
 - Mrs. Tooker will collect photographs from the Moss History Room to post in the coming weeks on Facebook.
- Moss History Room soft opening (Mrs. Tooker) – TBD
 - Opening date is dependent on the opening of Borough Hall to the public.
- Rumson History Event for 2022 (Mr. Carras) – Ongoing
 - Continue discussions and planning in the Fall

8. Liaison Reports

Vice Chairman Clark reported that 3 demo permits were issued. 16 N Ward was the only structure on the HPC inventory and was listed as significant. Efforts to be made to document property through previous owner resources, as the home has been razed and unable to be photographed.

9. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held Thursday, May 20, 2021 at 6:00 PM via Zoom.

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:52 after a motion by Vice Chairman Clark and seconded by Mr. Day.

Respectfully Submitted,

Laura Tooker, Secretary